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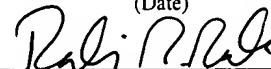
Applicant : George P. Teitelbaum  
 App. No : 10/688,646  
 Filed : October 17, 2003  
 For : PERCUTANEOUS VERTEBRAL FUSION  
 SYSTEM  
 Examiner : Daniel J. Davis  
 Art Unit : 3731

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Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being made as follows:

1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:

- (X) Enclosed:  
 (X) Amendment/Reply in 5 pages.  
 (X) Return Postcard.

2. Fees:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee		2801 (\$395)		\$395
Total Claims	8 - 20 = 0	2202 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$0
Independent Claims	1 - 3 = 0	2201 (\$100)	0 x 100 =	\$0
3 Month Extension		2253 (\$510)		\$510
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$905</b>

(X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.

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(X) Check in the amount of \$905 to cover the above fees.

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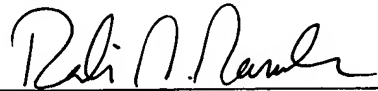
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Respectfully submitted,  
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**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 4, 2005, please reconsider the above-captioned Application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** being on page 3 of this paper.